

Amendment and Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Applicant: Shane Konsella et al.

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Title: PERSONAL SWITCHBOARD SYSTEM AND METHOD**REMARKS**

These remarks are made in response to the Final Office Action mailed May 24, 2005. In that Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1 and 4-7 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Srinivasan, U.S. Patent No. 6,072,862 ("Srinivasan"). Claims 2, 3, 18, and 20-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Srinivasan in view of O'Neal et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,463,145 ("O'Neal"). The Examiner's indication that claim 19, although objected to as being dependent upon a rejected claim, would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, is noted with appreciation. Further, the Examiner's indication that claims 8-17 have been allowed is noted with appreciation.

With this Response, claim 19 has been cancelled, and claims 1, 18, and 22 have been amended. Claims 1-18 and 20-25 remain pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

35 U.S.C. §§102, 103 Rejections

The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 4-7 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Srinivasan, U.S. Patent No. 6,072,862 ("Srinivasan"). With respect to independent claim 1, the Examiner stated that "Srinivasan does not teach or suggest a routing system with original destinations including a voice communication phone number, a fax communications number, and an email address. Regarding this, claim 1 does not recite this limitation in claim body, and only preamble to claim 1 recites this." (Final Office Action at para. no. 5, page 6). With this Amendment, Applicant has amended the body of claim 1 to include the limitation "providing a routing system with original destinations including a voice communication phone number, a fax communication phone number, and an email address".

Independent claim 1, as amended, is not taught or suggested by Srinivasan. In addition, dependent claims 4-7, which further limit patentably distinct claim 1, are also believed to be allowable over the cited reference. Entry of the amendment to independent claim 1, and allowance of claims 1 and 4-7 are respectfully requested.

The Examiner rejected claims 2, 3, 18, and 20-25 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Srinivasan in view of O'Neal et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,463,145 ("O'Neal"). Dependent claims 2 and 3, which further limit patentably distinct claim 1, are believed to be

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allowable over the cited references, and reconsideration and allowance of claims 2 and 3 is respectfully requested.

The Examiner stated that dependent claim 19 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. With this Amendment, Applicant has amended independent claim 18 to include the limitations from dependent claim 19. Independent claim 18, as amended, is not taught or suggested by the cited prior art. In addition, dependent claims 20-25, which further limit patentably distinct claim 18, are also believed to be allowable over the cited references. Entry of the amendment to independent claim 18, and allowance of claims 18 and 20-25 are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1-18 and 20-25 are in form for allowance and are not taught or suggested by the cited references. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of claims 1-18 and 20-25 is respectfully requested.

No fees are required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16(h)(i). However, if such fees are required, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's representative at the below-listed telephone numbers to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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